5/14/71

Dear Jim,

Relets 12/13, sorry I forgot raincoaxt. I've read Miller and last graph majprity and have call in for Paul V. Hope Stoner's 5/9 evaluation is correct, as I would think. As for my publisher, there is no hope of any kind. However, if you don't mind wasting a bit of effort, this copy already being pale, if you would not mind sending them the page that includes the last graph of the maj. op. and Miller's, with a note saying you are doing it at my request, I'd appreciate it. Also, and tyoe this one and use a plain envelope with my return address, the same thing to John Leonard, ~~xxxxxx~~ editor of the NYTimes Sunday Book Review, that might help. They are going to do something at the sooner they get it the better. I'll read the entire decision later. Jimmie had told me of Miller's at the time, so I presume it was in the papers and I assumed you knew it. I was away then.

The penultimate paragraph of Stoner's letter interests me much. I confirmed independently at least part of what is here involved and do not know what the rest is. It is not all Jimmie told me he'd be giving me after Stoner did it. I'd like to latch onto all of that as soon as possible for the time may come when Stoner has a kind of impersonal conflict of interest.

I haven't time to write Levine now, but I'm glad to have his address. If you are in touch, as you now know, there is a legit Angela Davis angle, Kaplan having done a job on that case for the USIA. Leonard should have that by now. Sorry, I've spent too much time persuading people to continue it indefinitely, and the cost of my most recent failure was too great.

Wrong/Esquivel: I spoke to Sen Long's AA. He had read all the books on Huie's assassination, all the unpublished ms, and the name was entirely unknown to him, too. Silence from him is interesting, however. Guess Bob doesn't read the papers and Wayne and Glenn are discouraged if we haven't heard of this newest Canale speech. But you are right about my request. I did it at U Va and got no answer. I will make the challenge and if it isn't answered, I think I can get it aired down there, at least on the black stations, which have a large audience share.

While Jimmie has been hinting for some time that I should go down, only hinting, until his present situation is improved I do not want to. I also think that were it not for the recent past, which is enough, it is not a good thing for Bud and me to see him simultaneously. Bud is one compartment with him, I am another. I also think that if Bud does not have something quite specific to take up with him, he ought make it a point to say he just stopped off en route to see his family, or on other business that required him to be nearby. Jimmie has a thing about people holding his hand, and he is really tender in this.

This is not one of the charts Jimmie and I had in mind, but contrary to what you say, it tells me quite a bit. I'll file it under "leads" and we can discuss it when you are next here. On the subject of charts, when Bud sees him have him ask that Jimmie duplicate the one he made for me involving a gas station or give him the one he made in my presence. I will want it for the future. If this happens, make and file a copy, for eventually you will need it.

Just remembered: Paul told me he had a week of overtime coming and was taking it so he is not there. If you fear seeming pushy, please mail him a copy with a note saying that because he was away I couldn't read it to him and that I asked you to do it not only so he could read it but so he would have it on file. I think from our discussions beginning two years ago he agreed on conflict, too.

Please send me Glenn's address and I'll write him when I can.

Best,